

Candidate Filing for Special Election

There will be a special election to fill the vacancy in the First Congressional District of the State of Hawaii. The special election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, in conjunction with the General Election.

Nomination Paper

Candidates wishing to run in the U.S. Representative District I special election must complete and file a nomination paper to appear on the ballot.

Nomination papers will be available starting **7:45 am on August 15, 2016**, at the Office of Elections.

To obtain a nomination paper, candidates must first complete an *Application for a Nomination Paper*. Application forms are available at the Office of Elections or at www.elections.hawaii.gov.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of Elections to receive a nomination paper.

Qualifications

The qualifications for U.S. Representative are:

- U.S. citizen for 7 years prior to election
- Inhabitant of Hawaii when elected
- At least 25 years of age

Signature Requirements

There are no signatures required on the nomination papers for candidates filing to run in a special election to fill a vacancy.

Filing Nomination Paper

The deadline to file a nomination paper for the special election is **4:30 pm on August 25, 2016**, at the Office of Elections.

When filing a nomination paper, all candidates must certify that they:

- Will qualify under the law for the office sought; and
- Determined all of the information on the nomination paper is true and correct.

Partisan candidates are required to certify that they are a member of the political party listed on the nomination paper.

All candidates are required to provide a notarized written oath or affirmation. The oath or affirmation statement is on the nomination paper.

Ballot Name

Candidates must designate the name they want to appear on the ballot at the time of filing. The ballot name:

- May include Hawaiian and/or English equivalents or nicknames
- Contain a maximum of 27 typed spaces; including letters, spaces, and punctuation marks
- Be in the format prescribed by the Office of Elections and otherwise meet the statutory and administrative rules requirements associated with ballot names.

Filing Fee

Candidates must submit payment at the time of filing. The filing fee for U.S. Representative District I is \$75.

Accepted forms of payment:

- Cash
- Money order
- Cashier's check
- Certified check

Candidates who declare themselves indigent may have the filing fee waved. A petition signed by registered voters who constitute one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the total voters registered at the last preceding general election in the district from which the indigent person seeks election must be submitted at the time of filing.

Withdrawal

Candidates may withdraw in writing for any reason no later than **4:30 pm on August 26, 2016**.

Candidates may withdraw for reasons of ill health no later than **4:30 pm on September 19, 2016**. To withdraw, the candidate must submit a written notice to the chief election officer. The notice is to be accompanied by a statement from a licensed physician or physician assistant indicating that such ill health may endanger the candidate's life.

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Candidate Objections

Objections can be made by a registered voter, an officer of a qualified political party, or the chief election officer.

All objections must be filed in writing no later than **4:30 pm on September 9, 2016**.

Objections by a registered voter are filed with the chief election officer. Objections by an officer of a qualified political party are filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Candidates will be notified of any challenge by registered or certified mail. A preliminary decision must be made not later than five working days after the objection was filed.

If the decision is that the objection warrants disqualification of the candidate, the chief election officer will file a complaint with the clerk of the circuit court within seven working days after the objection was filed.

The clerk of the circuit court will issue a summons to the candidate to appear before the court not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fifth day after service of the summons.

The circuit court will hear the matter in a summary manner and issue its judgement not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fourth day after the return on the summons to appear before it.

If the judgment is to disqualify the candidate, the chief election officer or county clerk will follow the procedures set forth in HRS §§ 11-117 and 11-118 regarding the disqualification of candidates.

For complete information, please refer to United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2; HRS §§11-117, 11-118; Chapter 12; and HRS §17-2.